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FOR PURIFYING INTACT BACTERIAL MINICELLS**

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Sir:

This paper is a response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2008, concerning the captioned patent application. Applicants have enclosed with this submission a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.